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FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 80/01

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: ANTI-TRAFFICKING PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST

1. SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION: POST SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION. WE RECEIVED THIS PROPOSAL FROM CARITAS BRINDISI, THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE VATICAN'S MAJOR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT NGO.

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CARITAS BRINDISI HAS A WELL-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPARATION SISTER OF MARY, THE PROJECT'S PROTAGONISTS. POST INTENDS TO WORK WITH CARITAS TO SUPPORT THIS NEW ANTI-TRAFFICKING EDUCATION PROGRAM. WE ARE AWARE THAT ECA IS NOT ABLE TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE 4X4 VEHICLE MENTIONED IN THE PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, WE HAVE LEFT IT IN THE PROJECT'S OVERALL BUDGET (TO BE FUNDED BY SOMEONE ELSE - THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THE PROJECT AND WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS WITH THEM. THE REPARATION SERVANT SISTERS OF MARY HAVE WORKED FOR TEN YEARS IN ALBANIA WITH AT RISK WOMEN AND ARE FULLY VERSED IN ALBANIAN SOCIAL DYNAMICS. THEY SEEK USG FUNDING TO CREATE A PROJECT IN ADDITION TO THEIR CURRENT WORK THAT WILL FOCUS ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING EDUCATION AND COUNSELING FOR POTENTIAL VICTIMS. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

PROJECT PROPOSAL

2. "SLAVES NEVER AGAIN" IS A MULTI-FACETED ANTI-TRAFFICKING FRAMEWORK THAT ESTABLISHES ACTIVITY AND TRAINING CENTERS, A WOMEN'S MEDICAL CLINIC AND OTHER INITIATIVES WHERE WOMEN ARE THE PROTAGONISTS. IT ALSO TARGETS ALBANIAN MEN TO ENCOURAGE A MORE POSITIVE DISPOSITION TOWARD ALBANIAN WOMEN. THE PROJECT SUPERVISOR IS SISTER BARBARA PAVAN, KISHA KATOLIKE, PUSI I MEZINIT, VLORA. TEL. 011.355.632.3861 FAX. 011.355.632.5681 E-MAIL: ELISA-SMR@AUL.SANX.NET

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3. STAFF AND TRAINING: THE 20 MEMBER TEAM INCLUDES THE SISTERS AND IS COMPOSED OF 12 TEACHERS, 5 SOCIAL WORKERS, A DOCTOR, 2 NURSES, PLUS A NUMBER OF ACTIVITY COORDINATORS. FURTHER TRAINING WILL GIVE THEM WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT SKILLS, INCLUDING SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF PROSTITUTION, AND INTERVENTION SKILLS. TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY EXPERTS BASED IN TIRANA (FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE WORKING WITH THE IOM) OR ABROAD AND LAST APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS. INITIAL TRAINING WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A WEEKLONG INTENSIVE COURSE FOCUSED ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING COUNSELING SKILLS AND STRATEGIES. ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL SKILLS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY 40 DAYS. SALARIES ARE BASED ON ALBANIAN SCALES AND REFLECT EMPLOYMENT OF LOCALLY HIRED PART-TIME STAFF. THE NUNS RECEIVE A MINIMAL STIPEND, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THE OVERALL SALARY COSTS. ALL STAFF INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT SPEAK ALBANIAN.

4. PREVENTION MODULE EDUCATION: IN ADDITION TO COUNSELING, EDUCATION FOR PREVENTION IS A PRIORITY AT THIS STAGE OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING EFFORTS. THE SISTERS WILL CAPITALIZE ON THEIR EXISTING CONTACTS WITH 3500 PLUS YOUNG PEOPLE. IN VLORA, THE SISTERS HAVE ACCESS TO 7 JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO HAVE CONTACTS IN A NEWLY ESTABLISHED OUTER SUBURB (FUSCH AVIACIONE) HOUSING POOR FAMILIES NEWLY ARRIVED FROM SOUTHERN ALBANIA AND THE MOUNTAIN REGION, WHO MOVED TO VLORA IN SEARCH OF WORK. THE SISTERS ARE WORKING WITH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH SCHOOLS AND BASIC SERVICES. THEY HAVE SET UP A SMALL EDUCATION CENTER TO SERVE A LARGE GROUP OF GIRLS WHO HAVE NO SOCIAL LIFE AND LITTLE EDUCATION, AND THUS PERFECT TARGETS FOR TRAFFICKERS.

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5. EDUCATION WILL FOCUS ON THE RIGHTS OF MINORS AND WOMEN AS OUTLINED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. THE COURSES WILL PRESENT INFORMATION, HELP THE STUDENTS ASSIMILATE IT AND ASSIST THEM IN APPLYING CONCEPTS TO THEIR EVERYDAY SITUATIONS. THE PROJECT WILL SEEK THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE OF PEOPLE

ALREADY WORKING IN THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING FIELD (E.G. VERA LESKO, DIRECTOR OF THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING NGO "VATRA"). THE SISTERS RECOGNIZE THAT MESSAGES AND INFORMATION MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE REALITIES OF ALBANIAN LIFE. THE SISTERS WILL USE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE "CULTURAL CODES" AND THE SOCIOLOGY OF THE ALBANIAN FAMILY TO TAILOR AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM INCLUDING PSYCHOLOGICAL, MORAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES.

16. EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL WILL BE PURCHASED OR PRINTED. THIS INCLUDES FLYERS AND POSTERS, BOOKS, AND ARTICLES. THE LATTER TO MAKE UP A SMALL NEWSPAPER TO LAUNCH A NETWORK OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS. THE TEAM WILL PROMOTE LOCAL MEDIA INVOLVEMENT AND PRODUCE BROADCASTS TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE AND SENSITIZE ADULTS.

17. TRAVEL: THE SISTERS WILL WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN SIX

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VILLAGES, VISITED WEEKLY: KANINA, 8 KILOMETERS FROM VLORA; SELENICA, 30 KILOMETERS FROM VLORA; ORIKUM, 15 KILOMETERS FROM THE CITY. THE PROJECT WILL ALSO FOCUS ON THE VILLAGES OF NARTA, UJIUFHTOFT AND RECILI. AT LEAST TWO OF THE CITY-
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BASED SCHOOLS ARE FAR FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN. IN TOTAL, PROJECT TRAVEL WILL AMOUNT TO SOME 20,000 KILOMETERS PER ANNUM.

18. ASSESSMENT: THE SISTERS WILL CONTINUALLY MONITOR THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS WILL BE ASSESSED. A FORMAL REPORT ON PROGRESS WILL BE ISSUED AT SIX AND TWELVE MONTH INTERVALS. EMBASSY VATICAN WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT THROUGHOUT WITH CARITAS BRINDISI AND THE PROJECT'S SUPERVISOR IN VLORA, SR. BARBARA PAVAN, WHO WILL WORK WITH FOUR PROJECT COORDINATORS.

19. BUDGET:

SALARIES 19,200.00

UTILITIES 900.00

TEACHING MATERIALS (3500 STUDENTS AT \$4/STUDENT) 14,000.00

TRAINING AND MEDIA BROADCAST MATERIALS 10,000.00

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, PHOTOCOPIER, VIDEO-CAMERA

TELEVISION, VCR) 9,500.00

E-MAIL INSTALLATION AND 12 MONTH SUBSCRIPTION 600.00

TRAVEL EXPENSES (20,000KM/ANNUM) 1000.00

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